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COAL MINES TO ABOLISH FEUDALISTIC PRACTICES;
MOST CITY WORKERS JOIN LABOR UNIONS

ISSUES DEMOCRATIZATION DIRECTIVE -- Hankow Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 30 Mar 50

Peiping, 28 March (Hsin-hua) -- The joint directive recently issued by the Ministry of Fuel Industry and the Preparatory Committee of the China Coal Miners' Union concerning the universal democratization of coal mine administrations, points out that the paramount duty of cadres is to abolish the existing feudalistic, capitalistic, and bureaucratic practices in coal mine management.

In substance, the directive states that the coal mine administrative headquarters and coal mine unions in Northeast, North, and East China shall propagandize in the coal-mining areas the importance of the democratization program.

Then, the workers delegates conferences shall be called in each region to select a mining area to experiment on the program for 4 or 5 months. The enforcement of the democratization program shall be the duty of the cadres. After the end of the experiment, the findings shall be made available to facilitate the program in other mining areas.

During the experimentation period, each coal mine administrative headquarters and union shall be required to make periodical reports on the progress of the program to the Ministry of Fuel Industry and the China Coal Miners' Union.

CHINA HAS 4,100,000 UNION MEMBERS -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 1 May 50

Peiping, 30 April (Hsin-hua) -- According to incomplete data, there are now 4,100,000 labor union members in China. In such cities as Shanghai and T'angshan, more than 80 percent of the workers are union members.

Many provincial and municipal general labor unions or preparatory committees are now found all over China. The national committees for the railroad, post and communications, and transport unions have been formally established. Others include the preparatory committees for organizing national committees of the seamen, textile workers, and coal mine workers unions.

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The foodstuff, electrical, iron and steel, munitions, machine manufacturing, and educational workers unions already have working committees. The working committee makes preparations to call a national delegates conference of the respective union and set up a national committee.

WORKMEN MAY SECURE FIRE INSURANCE -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 3 May 50

Shanghai -- The China People's Insurance Company on Labor Day, 1 May 1950, inaugurated a new line of business whereby groups of workers may secure insurance against loss by fire at rates within their means. Groups of 20 or more members of legitimate labor unions, employees of government offices, members of school staffs, public and private business concerns, doctors and nurses, etc., when properly guaranteed by the organization to which they belong, may secure group fire insurance. A discount of 5 percent in the premiums is allowed when a group is composed of over 500 participating members, and proportionally larger discounts are allowed for larger groups.

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